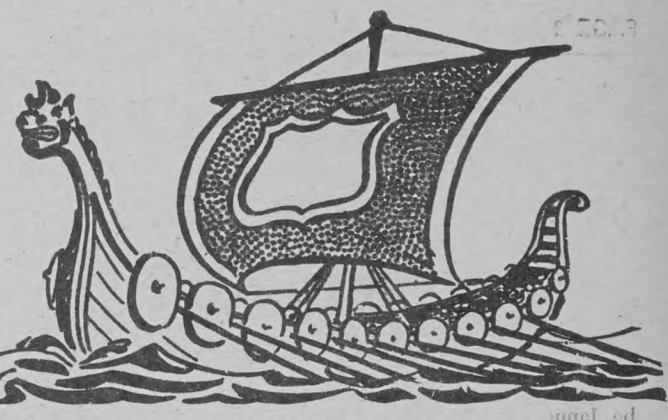


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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Heather McRoberts First Runner-Up For Miss Canada '69 Title



CONGRATULATIONS FOR WINNER MARIE-FRANCE
... from Miss Hegland, left; and Miss McRoberts, Edmonton

Marie-France Beaulieu was chosen Miss Canada of 1969, on Nov. 11th in Toronto.

First runner-up for the title and picked to take over as Miss Canada should Miss Beaulieu have to relinquish her duties for any reason, was Edmonton's Heather McRoberts, daughter of Mrs. Tordis McRoberts.

Miss McRoberts, who was entered in the pageant as Miss Northern Alberta, is a former Muk-Luk queen, employed as a secretary at the rehabilitation school of medicine in the city. For the talent portion of her entry in the contest she chose to show some of the oil paintings she has done since being given a set of paints as a Christmas present last year.

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Santa's Origin

Tradition says the original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop in Asia Minor who gave gifts to the young and poor. The North American Santa, rotund and ruddy aboard his reindeer sleigh, evolved from the St. Nicholas of Dutch colonists in New York. The transformation was completed with

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's 1823 classic, A Visit from St. Nicholas. Today, even a Tokyo department store has a giant Santa Claus statue.
The poinsettia, a Latin American flower, is that area's major contribution to the United States' yuletide.



SEASON'S GREETING FROM YOUR EDITORIAL STAFF

Back row — Selma Sorenson, Vera Nielsen, Lillian Sumarlidason, Anne Sahuri. Front row — Joan Petersson, Gunnar Thorvaldson, Director of Scandinavian News; Shirley Thorvaldson. Missing are: Tillie Erickson and Verna Larson.

The U.S.C. Invites You!

Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, National Director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada will be in Edmonton from 6th to the 9th of December and invites volunteers who have assisted in the work of the U.S.C. and their friends, or any interested persons, to attend a Public Meeting in the Centennial Library, Churchill Square, on Monday, December 9th at 2 p.m. to hear a talk on her 1968 tour of duty in the Far East and see the latest U.S.C. film "The Promising Harvest."

The Edmonton Branch of the U.S.C. is proud to report that this year through the devoted assistance of many volunteers, both young and old, that 11,619 lbs of warm clothing had been shipped to Korea and the Gaza Strip to aid destitute families, by November 1st. This included over 1,800 hand knitted articles, 159 layettes and 155 warm quilts representing many hundreds of hours of dedicated work.

Our very grateful thanks to all who participated and an invitation to others with a little spare time to assist this worthy organization. We can never have too many volunteers, the need in the countries where the U.S.C. is working, is so great!

Lovely U.S.C. Christmas cards can be obtained for \$1.00 per Pkt. by phoning 466-1704, 476-8838 or 488-4462.

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Send donations to: Mrs. Vera Nielsen, Business Manager, Scandinavian Centre News, 12424 - 141 St., Edmonton 41, Alberta.

SCANDAPADE REHEARSALS

The first rehearsal for Scandapades will be January 5th and every Sunday thereafter. All those participating and those who are helping, PLEASE, show up for rehearsals.

WE NEED HELP!!

A lot of 'behind-the-scenes' work goes on for a production like Scandapades. Volunteers are needed for painting, working on costumes, building set, etc. If you would like to help with this aspect of the show, please call Harvey Haugen at 489-1171.

SPLINTERS

from the

BOARD

SCANDAPADES — February 8, 1969

Scandapades planning is well underway. The first rehearsal will be January 5th and every Sunday thereafter. We urge all those who will be participating to attend all rehearsals.

The committee for the annual Scandinavian Night is made-up as follows:

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Well-known director, Bud D'Amur, is directing Scandapades for the second year and Warren Graves, who wrote and directed the successful Walterdale production "Love in a Greenhouse", has written the continuity for Scandapades. Harvey Haugen will do the job he knows so well, stage manager. He is the extremely capable fellow who keeps the show running smoothly.

The lower floor will be arranged for people to visit friends, eat, drink coffee or browse through the displays that will be set up. Scandinavian delicacies will be provided by Erika's Delicatessen.

The show for 1969 will be titled "Scandapades Presents Scand- amania". It will feature humorous entertainment and everyone will be assured of a fun time.

ADDRESSES

All address plates for shareholders in the city of Edmonton have been sorted into zones. All the address plates have not been changed as yet, however, the Post Office is not inconvenienced as the papers are tied in bundles and the zone is marked on each bundle. All the addressograph plates will have the zone numbers added as soon as possible.

A Christmas Bit

If I were Santa Claus this year I'd take the mother's fears away,
I'd change his methods for the day; The doubts which often fret the
I'd give to all the children here wise—
But there are things I'd take away. And all should wake on Christmas
Day
With happy hearts and shining eyes.
For old and young this is my
prayer:
God bless us all this Christmas Day
And give us strength our tasks to
bear,
And take our bitter griefs away!
Edgar A. Guest.
* * *

I'd enter every home to steal,
With giving I'd not be content.
I'd find the heart-aches men conceal
And take them with me when
I went.
I'd rob the invalid of pain;
I'd steal the poor man's weight of
care;
I'd take the prisoner's ball and chain
And every crime which sent him
there.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Tis truly the season to be jolly! Hearty best wishes to you and your family for a warm and merry Christmas.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
and
NEWSPAPER STAFF.

DANIA DOINGS



"BIKUBEN" will hold their annual Christmas Meeting on December 16th. Hope we will have a nice time like we used to have at Christmas time. The Ladies are to bring some of their goodies for every one to sample and a small gift. This meeting will be at 12424-141 Street at 8:00 p.m.

On December 17th at 8:00 p.m. Dania's annual Turkey Bingo. We hope to see you all come and maybe bring a friend too. They are all welcome. At the Scandinavian Centre, Nordic Room.

"DANIA" held their annual general meeting on Oct. 30th. The new Board of Directors are as follow: President Claus Jacobsen, Vice President: Tage Aaqvist, Treasurer: Svend Nielsen, Secretary: Vera Nielsen — other members Thyra Larse, Lilli Corbett and Ole Hansen. Auditors Erik Pedersen and Thorvald Nielsen. Supplanter: Henning Larsen and Svend Helge Christensen.

Our annual Christmas Party for the member's children will be December 15th from 2 to 6 in the afternoon at the Scandinavian Centre.

At our last dance, November 15th, the lucky winner for the Membership Draw was Verner Kristensen, who received \$45.00, so, at our New Year Dance on January 11th we will start with \$5 for the draw.

For those that are interested in our Whistdrive evenings, we will start these in January and then have one every month until spring, but we hope to see a few more than attended last year. It makes a nice social evening; we play whist for prizes, and afterwards we chat over a cup of coffee. As far as known now, the date in January will be Wednesday the 15th. It may be changed before January paper comes out.

If you are planning a trip to Scandinavia in 1969, don't wait too long before you decide to send in your deposit of \$100.00 as the flights are filling fast. See the Ad in this paper, then decide and don't delay as it would be too bad if you came too late.

Use this coupon to send for your 1969 Membership Card for "DANIA" and enclose \$3.00, send it to the Secretary, Vera Nielsen, 12424-141 St., Edmonton 41, Alberta.

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A very merry Christmas to All.
And a good and prosperous New Year.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

Christmas Eve is the time when we go to church even if we haven't been there since last Christmas. Therefore we will have two Danish services on December the 24th this year, one at 2:30 p.m. and one at 4 p.m., so, do not stay home this year because you are afraid that there will not be place for you and your children. Come and sing our old Danish Christmas carols "Det kimer nu til julefest", "Julen har bragt velsignet bud", Et barn or fodt i Bethlehem" and so on.

Another service you should come to and bring your children is the family service on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, December the 15th, at 11 a.m. The Sunday School and the Young People will be there and sing some of our English and Danish Christmas carols and prepare us for Christmas. The service will be in Danish but with a talk to the children and young people in English.

MEETINGS IN DECEMBER:

December 4th, Wednesday, 8 p.m. in the church basement; Ladies' Aid. Christmas meeting. The ladies' are asked to bring their husbands and a gift.

December 18th, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Christmas meeting for Ansgar Women's Club, Ansgar Men's Club, and Ungdomskredsen. The women are asked to bring a gift to a man.

BINGO —

Tuesday, December the 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Young People's Group will arrange a bingo in the church basement, where all are welcome. Tickets are \$1.00 — can be bought at members of Ansgar Young People's Group and from pastor Filtenborg, Ph. 469-6123. Gifts which can be used as prizes will be received with thanks. Contact Dorte Vimtrup, phone 466-0263, or the pastor. There will be a door-prize and two cards will be included in the ticket. Come and win your Christmas turkey.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GLAEDELIG JUL

It's Fruit Cake Time Again!

DELICIOUS FRUIT CAKE

- 1 lb. seedless raisins
- ½ lb. currants
- ½ lb. candied cherries, halved
- ½ lb. citron, slivered
- ½ lb. candied pineapple, cut up
- ½ lb. blanched almonds, slivered
- 1 tbsp. grated orange rind
- 2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- ½ tsp. cloves
- ½ tsp. allspice
- 1 cup soft butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 egg yolks
- ¼ cup molasses
- ½ cup bottled grape juice
- 3 tbsp. orange juice
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 5 egg whites

Heat oven to 275 degrees. Grease and line with greased heavy brown paper 2 loaf pans, 9x5x3 inches.

Combine fruit, nuts and grated orange and lemon rind in a large bowl. Sift flour, soda and spices together over mixture and toss until fruit is well coated with dry ingredients.

Cream butter and sugar together well. All egg yolks, one at a time. and beat well after each addition. Beat in molasses. Stir in grape juice, orange juice and lemon juice. Add to fruit-flour mixture, blending thoroughly.

Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture.

Spoon into prepared pans. Bake about 2½ hours or until a toothpick stuck in centre comes out clean. Cover loosely with foil if cakes begin to brown too much.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



The regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held Saturday, November 2, in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Chairman Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Magnus Pearson has recovered from his accident and his hand is now in good shape. Doris Gerneroy has been in the hospital in Yellowknife for an operation, and is under doctor's care. The following sisters are also under doctor's care: Paula Lindberg, Minnie Nelson and Evelyn Modin.

The Smorgasbord held at the Masonic Temple Saturday, October 26 was very successful.

Lennart Petersson thanked everyone who helped make it such a success. Anyone who helped set up, serve, or clean up, and who bought a ticket is asked to contact Len at 469-0259 for a refund.

Betty Pearson thanked everyone for their donations of food and work. A vote of thanks must also go to Lil Boyer for arranging the program, and to those who participated in it.

Two letters from Lynne Gerneroy were read, and enjoyed. Lynne is progressing quite well in her Swedish, and reports that the wall plaque was presented to Club Americana at a crayfish party. Lynne has been doing at bit of travelling and is enjoying herself.

A letter was also read from Lodge Kiruna. They sent greetings to all our members. A brief description of their meetings and social evenings was read by Betty Pearson. It was agreed that a Christmas card with pictures from Vasa Park and a letter would be sent in time for Christmas. A pictorial book on Canada will also be sent.

Buford Lodge will host a Mid-summer Dance at Vasa Park Clubhouse next summer. The date, June 28, has been set aside for them on the calendar. There are still some dates available on the calendar, so if you are willing to take on an evening of entertainment please contact Linnea Lodge 455-8066.

The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee for election this month includes:

Chairman — Peter Johnson, Lennart Petersson; Vice Chairman — Lennart Petersson, Eric Engvall; Secretary — Carol Banks, Joyce Hawkes; Assistant Secretary — Joyce Hawkes; Treasurer — Don Johnson; Financial Secretary — Linnea Lodge; Assistant Financial Secretary — Doreen Nyroos; Chaplain—Svea Erickson; Master of Ceremonies — Erling Winquist, Marvin Weiss; Assistant

Master of Ceremonies — May Rush-ton, Ken Banks; Guards — Glen Hallen, Emiel Weiss, Herman Nelson.

The Past Chairman's Club have been asked to make arrangements for Skandia's 40 anniversary, which will be celebrated November 29, 1969.

A "left-over" Smorgasbord was featured for lunch, and it was delicious. Helga Johnson, and Rose Rautio served coffee. A "Car Bingo" under the direction of Clifford and Paula Lindberg followed. Double winners were Per Houghlund, Jessie McKinnin, and Hansine Pierre; Herman Nelson won the \$5.00 jackpot. Don Johnson, Martha Kay, Joan Knutson, and Joan Petersson each "bingoed" once.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Charles and Rose Rautio will welcome you before the meeting, while the Ladies' Auxiliary will provide lunch and entertainment on the Christmas theme following the meeting.

The Children's Club will hold their next meeting on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Scandinavian Centre. The Christmas Party will be held in the afternoon of Sunday, December 22, also in the Centre. All members, families and friends are invited to spend an afternoon of Christmas in Sweden.

To all readers, may I wish the very Merriest of Christmases and a Prosperous New Year.

VASA GLIMPSES

Bill and Martha Kay with their daughter Joyce visited Harold and Lulu Lundgreen in their new home in Saskatoon.

Carol and Ken Banks have been very busy lately. Ken was away on a business trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico while Carol was attending a wedding in Portland, Oregon at the same time. They have moved, their new address is Suite 203, 10828 - 115 St., phone 424-1949. Now, they have both just returned from a trip to Arlington, West Virginia.

It was nice to see Raul Nyroos at the last meeting. He was in Edmonton briefly from Castlegard, B.C.

Andy and Ivy Ogren have been in Vancouver visiting with Roger and Joanne. John and Davida Ogren motored with them.

Congratulations to Rune Backstrom in attaining his degree in Political Science from Calgary University; also to Robert Hokanson who graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Edmonton University.

Ragnhild Johnson has moved into a new apartment. Her new address is Suite 201, 11815 - 103 St., Phone 477-8976.

Minnie Markstrom and her daughters were in Leduc recently to help Minnie's mother celebrate her 90 birthday.

Many friends gathered Saturday, November 16 to honor Andy Ogren on his fiftieth birthday. Evelyn Modin had composed a witty verse on the highlights of Andy's life. He was presented with a gift of money, and a delicious lunch followed.

Per Houghlund is visiting with his brother Eric in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to this he visited with friends in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Jack McCoy spent four days in Vancouver when he took part in the second annual Evergreen Bonspiel. This competition was limited to 32 rinks in Western Canada by invitation. The promotion by Barry Naimark carries a first prize of \$2,000. The inaugural was won a year ago by Keith Dagg of Vancouver in a final against the world champion, Ron Northcott of Calgary.

Don and Evelyn Johnson visited with friends in Pincher Creek while on a hunting trip to the southern part of the province. Don got his limit of pheasants. Now he can't remember how many feathers he has promised the ladies to adorn their millinery this fall.

Congratulations to Lionel and Verna Larson on the arrival of their chosen son, Bradley Kim. A brother for Valerie, Kirk, and Melany.

GOD JUL

Season Combines Many Traditions

Christmas combines Christian, pagan, seasonal, and national traditions into a harmonious pattern.

The druids of ancient Britain, for example, decked their halls with boughs of holly to shelter sylvan spirits threatened by frost and winter winds, the National Geographic Society says.

Imperial Romans feasted, exchanged gifts, and decorated with evergreens during Saturnalia, a December festival honoring the god Saturn.

Mistletoe, the yule log, and the wassail bowl are relics of other pre-Christian mid-winter celebrations in Europe.

PAGAN FEATURES

When Pope Gregory I sent out missionaries in A.D. 601, he counselled them to let converts weave the harmless features of pagan festivals into the spiritual fabric of the Christmas observance.

Following this precept, the 8th-century missionary Boniface per-

suaded the Teutons to transfer worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ Child. Much later, Martin Luther is credited with adorning the first tree with candles at Christmas-time to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.

Christmas trees were confined to the Rhine country until about 1700. Scholars believe the custom crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.

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THE VIKINGS OF AMISK

THE STROMQUIST FAMILIES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS

By Esther Mellemstrand
(5 Installment)

In the Stromquist family there were three brothers and one sister: Oscar, John, Eric and Anna (Mrs. Kris Noren), later Mrs. Wm. Moline. In her second marriage, Mrs. Moline gave birth to the heaviest baby born in the Amisk district—15 pounds, 3 ounces.

All these families were very active in church work; Ladies' Aids, and Young People's Luther Leagues. At the Luther Leagues, all the young men would gather to see their favorite girl playing the organ or singing in the choir. These young people, were also instrumental in organizing the first English-speaking Confirmation Class. The youngsters will always remember, and be grateful to their mothers for the huge batches of delicious doughnuts donated for their sumptuous and very necessary lunches.

In this same organization were the Sandahl and Peterson families. Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden and migrated to Minnesota when very young. Mrs. Peterson came from Sweden directly to Amisk to marry in 1910.

In 1910 also, Lars Sandahl came from the United States to settle on his homestead. It was not unusual for him to walk across country or drive his slow oxen over to see Simon Solbak. He stayed a few years, then went back to Norway. Mr. Sandahl's son, Edward, came to Alberta in 1905, settling on a homestead west of Viking. This, he traded for property in B.C., but since he was unhappy here, he came back to do carpentry around Viking, Edmonton and Camrose. In 1914, he came to Amisk to take over his father's homestead. Mrs. Sandahl (Anna Nilson) came from Varmland, Sweden. She planned to return to Sweden in a year's time by working out in various homes to obtain the necessary funds for the fare.

Cupid intervened however, for Ed. Sandahl and Anna were married on September 25, 1915. The first telephones purchased in 1926 are still in use for they have one patented in 1906, it is now over 60 years old. Mr. Sandahl also owned one of the first Chevrolets in the district.

John was the first of the three brothers to arrive. He reached Wetaskiwin with a carload of horses and cattle in 1909. While there he applied for a homestead south of Amisk. Kris Noren, his brother-in-law, met him in Hardisty to help him drive the animals to Noren's homestead. On his own land, which had rocks of all shapes in sizes, he broke the sod with a sulky and three head of oxen. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, and HIS step began when John "rented" a round-nosed shovel and pick — the cost of these being 20c a day for their use. With these, he dug out the larger rocks, but it took some years before the smaller ones were conquered. Therefore, the path of the "1000 miles" for him, was just a continuous round and round on his own little homestead!

John used oxen for some years but he sold these so that he could buy four government mules, named Nick, Maud, Jean and Jenny. The mules worked well, but always stopped dead at 6 p.m. — all government work stopped at six!

In going to town with Jean and Jenny one day, John was delayed somehow. Therefore, on the way home, at 6 p.m., the mules stopped in the middle of the road. Every method possible was used to try to make them mobile, but they refused. His only resort was to unhook the traces, tie up the mules and WALK home, then go back for the stubborn animals early next morning. After this episode, these four-footed, time-keepers were exchanged for a team of horses. These cost him \$400.00. The money had

been raised little by little at various jobs on the railroad. The next purchase was a little brown horse named Frank, and a buggy with a fringe on the top — John's pride and joy! With his rig, he did his courting. It was also his fastest mode of transportation to Amisk for supplies. Convenient too, for it also provided him with the excuse to stop at the Lindgren home, where his girl Martha Beckman kept house. They were married in a double wedding ceremony with the Richard Nybergs on December 14, 1915. Their first home was an 8' x 10' shanty.

After this wedding, Mr. Lindgren employed several housekeepers. In 1928, Birgit Nelson, one of the last Swedish immigrants to arrive at Amisk, took over this position. Today, after 40 years she still remains at the same site, keeping house in the son's modern home.

The John Stromquist family lived on the outskirts of the Viking settlement. The majority of their neighbors were of French ancestry, so it didn't take Martha long to learn the English language. She would swap her excellent Swedish recipes for the French delicacies. French wine made from Saskatoons, m-m-m! She would often invite some of these French women to come to the Church Bazaars put on by the Swedish Ladies Aid. The French ladies would have a "ball" trying to pronounce names like Kjos, Rehn or Bjorndahl, while the other ladies would have just as much difficulty with the French Lefebvre, Trouliette, Delange, Carbon or Guenard.

These neighbors and the Stromquists were members of a club called the "Beef Ring". Several farmers (about 20) belonged to this organization. Once a year, each member would be obligated to slaughter a 2-year-old beef, each member getting the same quantity of fresh meat every week. Such a treat to have fresh beef at all times. This was a unique experiment in those days for "Co-ops" were unheard of



Mrs. Ed Sandahl using a 60 year old telephone

at the turn of the century.

For variety in the diet there was always those delicious smoked pork hams stashed away in paper bags and buried deeply in a grain bin to keep them from molding. This brings to mind how extremely important it was to raise a litter of pigs each year. The following is a story about hog-care.

When the Guenard's came to Amisk in 1909, a friend and neighbor of Stromquists (George Delange) met the new settlers at Amisk at 5 a.m., the temperature being a frigid -42°. Since George was one of the few pioneers owning a log house, he decided the family should enjoy the comfort of his home until their own was established. At the time, Mr. Delange was a bachelor, with a kind and compassionate heart, and the newcomers were soon to discover this!

A young sow, unaware of the "know-how" in family planning, was about to present George with a litter of piglets. George had a few French adjectives to describe the animal's stupidity, but decided to make the best of the situation. He carefully penned the animal in the back portion of his shack while he made the long drive into Amisk. The animal however, in realizing that the "blessed event" was due, took matters into her own hands. Like a true pioneer, she broke her pen, and made do with materials on hand. All George's blankets as well as his mattress, were painstakingly torn into shreds to make a cozy nest beside the warmth of the coal stove. Therefore, it was a grunting "Welcome Home" for George and the new residents. However, the story has a happy ending in that ALL the young piglets were saved. This brood provided many delicious meals for the settlers the following year.

Berries in abundance were picked on the river banks — these were made into preserves for winter use. The women would congregate and make a picnic of "berry-picking time". A cool swim at a sandy low spot was the welcome climax after a hot day in the prickly bushes. Bathing suits in those days were indeed a far cry from today's silky wisps that are designed primarily to display a beauty's gorgeous figure. Usually they were made from very heavy woolen material. Sleeves to the elbow, were edged with ruffles and a ruffled skirt covered pants that reached the knees. A wide middie that reached well below the waist had a tight elastic band around the midriff. Long black stockings were also worn. Since the pants had tight elastic bands at the bottom, these filled with water and looked like a balloon filled with air. Therefore, having an elegant figure wasn't a bit necessary in pioneer days, for ALL the cuties looked like feather pillows tied tightly around the middle!

These two manuscripts again prove the terrific "hospitality" of the early settlers. Besides saving pennies for the immigrants the hosts would also provide clean sanitary bedding. Public sleeping places were so infested with bed-bugs, a good night's sleep was impossible — D.D.T. was unknown. The present generation cannot envision the torture of these insects and are inclined to disbelieve our stories about them. The only proof we have that they did exist, are the used powder guns that the pioneers filled with keats — bed-bug "poison powder". It was quite a chore to shoot each bug individually! These containers can be found in most museums today.

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Season's Greetings are extended to members and friends. To all readers — MERRY CHRISTMAS — HAUSKAA JOULUA.

Mrs. Gisela Salo and Mrs. Sinikka Cumming were the hostesses at a surprise baby shower, held in honor of Mrs. Hilka Kanervo on Oct. 21st, at the home of Mrs. Cumming.

I wish to thank the Finnish Society for the flowers I received on my birthday. Also many thanks to all the friends who send me flowers and took part in the wonderful surprise. Thank you all.
—Helvi Rastas.

The Dinner dance sponsored by Icelandic and Finnish societies was a great success. All who attended, had a tremendously good time hoping for more evenings like that to come.

Mrs. Irja Joljart was pleasantly surprised as she walked in the home of Mrs. Sirkka Nahkuri one Wednesday evening and found that instead of an evening of more movies she was in the midst of a baby shower held in her honor. Mrs. Rita Vagovics together with Mrs. Nahkuri were hostesses of the evening.

Sincere thanks to everyone for the lovely baby gifts I received recently. Special thanks to Mrs. Cumming and Mrs. Salo.
—Hilka Kanerva.

Mr. Eino Kyto of Turku, Finland, stopped briefly in Edmonton while making a business trip to Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Kyto, who is a former resident of Edmonton, wishes to send greetings to all his friends.

A baby shower was held recently in honor of Mrs. Anja Asikainen at the home of Mrs. Irja Kuusela. Mrs. Raila Hagman and Mrs. Kuusela were the hostesses of the evening.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Miss Heather McRoberts who became the first runner-up in the Miss Canada Pageant.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kanerva on the birth of their first child, Kenneth H. Tapio, on Nov. 11th, 1968.

Finnish Society's Pikku-joulu will be held on Dec. 7th at the Scandinavian Centre starting at 8:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday Dec. 15th at the Centre starting at 2:15 p.m.

Sincere sympathy to Mrs. J. Rama and Mrs. E. N. Pikkanen whose mother, Mrs. Mary Carlson passed away November 14th.

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Dec. 22nd 7:00 p.m.—Children's Christmas Program.

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Harvey Haugen will again be stage manager for Scandapades. After 20 years of working in the theatre he has a great love for his work besides an accumulation of stage knowledge.



Here Harvey Haugen and Bud D'Amur check plans for Annual Scandinavian Night for 1969. The name of the show will be "SCANDAPADES PRESENTS SCANDAMANIA."



The Chairman of Scandapades posed for this picture after their meeting on Sunday. Back row — Elsworth Halberg, Kurt Sorensen, Harvey Haugen, Clarence Lindquist, Gunnar Thorvaldson. Seated — Lennart Petersson, May Rushton, Anders Anderson.

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SCANDAPADES FEBRUARY 8th

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

A date to remember —
DEC. 15th — Sunday afternoon;
Children's Christmas Party;
Nordic Room;
Scandinavian Centre;
Two o'clock

Family togetherness at the happy Christmas season. Come and find the Yuletide spirit in the little one's participation.

Born to Bryce and Gail Mitchell, their second child, a daughter, Stacey Dawn, on Nov. 11th, a sister for wee Todd. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, of Czar, Alta., and Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mitchell, of Edmonton.

Mr. Kent Mitchell, who is with the Public Service Commission, Federal Gov't. travelled to Whitehorse, recently on official business.

Mrs. Steini Jonsson, and her 4-year old twins travelled by train to visit her sister in Winnipeg, Man. recently. Visitors to the Jonsson home were Kitty and Ken Carroll of Sheridan Lake, B.C. where they operate a summer camp for tourists. Now, on a three months holiday they will tour the Interlake district of Manitoba, Arizona and Wisconsin before the season reopens in B.C.

Dr. Marino Kristjansson has returned from a trip to Boston, Mass., where he was a delegate, representing Canada on the Board of the Unitarian Universal Association, acting on the program committee. He visited Toronto, Ottawa and Regina on official duties, and was away two weeks.

Mrs. Walter Arason is staging a satisfactory recovery after her stay in the Misericordia Hospital for major surgery.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Longmore on another promotion by Colgate Palmolive. They moved from Moncton to Toronto. Mrs. Longmore's sister Thelma Skippy travelled by Air Canada for a 2 weeks visit in the east.

Birthday greetings to Mr. Art Arnfinnson who celebrates his natal day on Nov. 27th, and to Mrs. O. T. Johnson on Dec. 28th. There are good reasons to wish a happy birthday to these two invalids, as Mrs. Johnson had the great misfortune to fall in her home, and break her hip. Rushed to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, she is slowly mending, and her circle of friends wish her a complete recovery and quick return to her former self again.

Congratulations to Melvin and Peggy Gislason whose marriage took place in the First Church of Christ, Lauderdale recently. Melvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gislason.

Bob and Rose Gablehouse of Vegreville enjoyed a companionable trip to Dallas, Texas by plane when four couples attended a convention there, recently. They were away a week.

The funeral of the late Edmund Snorri Johnson was held from the Foster and McGarvey Funeral Chapel following his death on Oct. 28th. He leaves his loving wife, the former Alberta Nicholls, and his son John to mourn his loss. Mr. Johnson graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Agriculture, and for many years was a Dairy Inspector in the province. The sympathy of their friends is offered through this column, to the family.

We welcome to the city, and to the Icelandic fraternity two newcomers families. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne MacPherson and two children, Arni and Erika have taken up residence at 11049 - 86th Avenue, phone 433-7124. Mr. MacPherson is with Duff, Abbott Associates as a consultant. Formerly, they have lived in Seattle and Saskatoon. Mrs. MacPherson is the former Lillian Bjarnason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hafstein Bjarnason of Winnipeg, but now living in Regina, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Murray and two children have taken up residence in the MacQueen area, having moved from Uranium City where Mr. Murray is employed in diamond drilling. Mrs. Murray, the former Edith Johnson of Gimli was called to Gimli to attend the funeral of her late father, Mr. Valdi Johnson. Her mother, Mrs. Gudrun Johnson is in the Icelandic Home, Betel, in Gimli, and was gladdened by the visit of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yelic attended a wedding in Gimli when Hulda's bridesmaid, Inga Stevens, reciprocated by inviting Hulda to act as matron-of-honor at her own wedding. Hulda's sister, Mrs. Nina Campbell reports that letters from their father, Mr. I. N. Bjarnason from his new home in Kopavogur, near Reykjavik is proving to be pleasant, and that though regrettable, the new devaluation of the krona is giving a favorable advantage in Canadian exchange. He expresses his warmest Christmas greetings to his acquaintances in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Valdi Jackson and daughter, Joan, spent the Remembrance Day week-end as the guests of Henry and Lillian Sumarladason, with a friend, Miss Lana Halldorson accompanying them. They expressed surprise at the noticeable growth of Edmonton as so clearly seen in the ever-expanding skyline.

The cultural convener of Nordljos, Mrs. Ruth MacNaughton, urges all readers to keep open the date of February 8 for the Annual Scandapades, which grows in strength every year.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stevens, and family have purchased a new home in the Steel Heights district. We wish them much happiness in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, and four children are giving up their home in Westbrook estates to leave for Montreal, Que. where Bob has been promoted to a new posting with the I.B.M. Company. He has been the branch manager in Edmonton for several years. Before leaving, they will visit the parental homes in Vancouver and Moose Jaw, Sask.

Miss Olive Goodman and Mrs. Jo. Wetterberg travelled to Calgary for a visit with friends and relatives in that southern city.

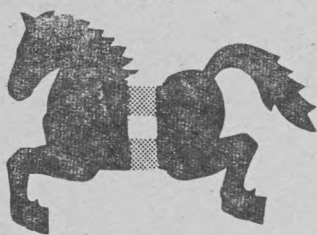
Mrs. Christine McKay of Toronto visited in Edmonton recently with her uncles, Mr. Joe and Mr. Mike Johnson and to spend some time with his bachelor son, Douglas who is employed in the Park Plaza of Simpson Sears Co., as a commercial artist in the Advertising Department. Mrs. McKay continued westward to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson, of Vancouver.

Miss Lorraine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of 14612 - 109th Ave., is home on a three months enforced vacation from her duties as stewardess with Wardair. Due to a reduction in staff for a short period. Her connections as stewardess are being retained and she hopes to be flying again when the new schedules are announced.

Dr. and Mrs. George Drummond visited at the Henrickson home for a short weekend away from their Calgary home.

Now that the calendar reminds us that the year of 1968 is almost run out, we recall the many happy associations which are formed by way of the Centre News, so, it is with great sincerity and high hopes that we offer the compliments of the season to all our readers, and to the Editorial Staff. A merry Christmas to all!

GLADELIG JUL



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Lake Thelma Pioneers Honored



On the event of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Vigen were honored with a family dinner and open house at the St. John's Lutheran Church parlors on Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 14, 1968. It was a pleasurable day for the family, relatives and friends who attended.

An interesting program was enjoyed in the afternoon. Those taking part were: the Alvin Vigen family, the Mundorf children, Shaan-lee Racine, Mrs. Edith Anderson, and the Mohr family.

Carl Ingvald Vigen and Olga Haukland were united in marriage on Oct. 16, 1918 at the Andrew Vigen home in the Lake Thelma community south of Fleet, Alberta. Rev. Kjose performed the ceremony. John Vigen, now of rural Coronation, and Edna Anderson, now Mrs. Wm. Funge of Rockford, Illinois were their attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Vigen were both born in Grant County, Minnesota. He grew to manhood there while her family moved to Bagely, Minnesota, where she spent her childhood days.

The Vigens have three children: Louise, Mrs. Elmer Hagen of Donalda; Elvina, Mrs. Lem Mundorf of Edmonton; and Alvin of Castor. They have eleven grandchildren: Joyce (Hagen) Racine, Melvin Hagen, Lem Jr., Keith, Karen, Donald, and Linda Mundorf, and Darin, David, Lois Anne, and Lorin Andrew Vigen. They have one great-grand child, Shaan-lee Racine.

The Vigens have lived in Castor since they left the farm in 1942. Mr. Vigen was employed as a mechanic for many years.

Many thanks to all who helped make their Anniversary Day so enjoyable. May God continue to bestow His grace and blessings upon their home and family.

SAS Offers Film on Norway Skiing

A 20-minute color film dealing with skiing in Norway is being made available to local ski clubs and civic organizations by Scandinavian Airlines, it was announced today by Hans J. Dedekam Canadian manager for Scandinavian Airlines.

The film, entitled "Norway — Where Skiing Began", covers the history of skiing, which started in Norway 4,000 years ago. It also highlights Norway's newest and most popular ski area — Voss.

Narrated by former U.S. Olympic ski jump champ, Art Devlin, the 16 mm film has recreated scenes of the first ski jump competition held 100 years ago. The actual footage of the longest ski jump ever made by Bjorn Wirkola at Vickersund is also featured, along with the annual world series of skiing at Holmenkollen.

The film is available free-of-charge by contacting the SAS office at 800 Dorchester Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec.

The Voss ski center, opened in 1963, is seen in the film during the heights of the season bustling with activity as the cable cars take the skiers up to the ski lifts. The viewer also observes the area's excellent housing accommodations, modern facilities, and — of course — the après ski activities.

Since the ski season at Voss begins before Christmas and runs until the end of April, both the beginner and expert alike is afforded his opportunity to lengthen the spring season by over a month by visiting this ski resort area.

Songs From Dance Tunes

Christmas carols originated around the 13th century when traditional dance melodies were adapted to religious texts. Worshipers welcomed something livelier than the old Latin hymns and chants.

Carols were written by clergymen, poets, composers, peasants, and scholars vagantes, those products of European universities who were "equally at home in ale-house, in hall, in market-place, or in cloister."

SONGS SUPPRESSED

Hundreds of carols were written in England between 1400 and 1647, the year the Puritan Parliament abolished Christmas celebrations and suppressed carols. Though songs were kept alive by oral tradition and crudely printed broadsheets, they did not fully regain their popularity for some 200 years.

SCANDAPADES

FEBRUARY 8TH 1969

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



COMING EVENTS

Wed. Dec. 11th —
INITIATION and
CHRISTMAS BINGO

Sun. Dec. 22nd
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tues. Dec. 31st —
NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC

International Night — Our lodge meeting was Nov. 9th in the Nordic Room. The following new members were initiated: Ray and Dorothy Boe, Lorna Ferrel, Thorlief and Reidun Kirkhus, Nora Kristensen and Shirley McIntosh. Welcome.

A display of dancing by the International Dancers: Hungarian Dancers, Scottish Dancers and our own Dancers of the Midnight Sun. The dancers were in colourful native costumes and did a variety of dances. The finale saw members of all the groups in one high stepping dance, then the dancers got the on-lookers up to try their skill at some new dance steps. What fun for all!

A tasty lunch was served by Mrs. Johanna Reno, Mrs. Thorlief Haugan and Mrs. Molly Cooper.

The Language Club met Nov. 11th for an evening of Norwegian

Whist. Lucky winners were:

High Gent — Mr. T. Berg
High Ladies — Miss G. Aga
Low Gent — Mrs. Clara Lineham
Low Ladies — Mrs. A. Hope

We are sorry that Fred Wibe and Mrs. Hope have resigned their offices. Thanks for a job well done. Lunch was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Iver Venaasen.

Irene Hovda is now home from hospital. Take it easy Irene we need you to sing for us at special days.

There was a ladies meeting at the home of Mrs. Martha Venaasen's on Nov. 6th to discuss Lutfisk and to organize a sewing group to make costumes. This group will swing into action at the beginning of '69 and will assist anyone interested in sewing costumes. Mrs. Sivertsen brought samples and patterns from Norway. Any ladies interested may contact Olga McBride 484-1667 or Marion Iverson 488-7949 for more information.

Mrs. Sivertsen's cousin from Whitehorse has been a visitor in Edmonton for a few days.

Knut Svidal travelled to Toronto on business, then on to Minneapolis to a Supreme board meeting.

Much interest has been shown in Selma Sorenson's appearance on CFRN-TV Channel 3 for the National Cooking Show. Selma has information on where the cook books and irons can be purchased for those interested.

All members were glad to hear

that Mr. Art Johnson is now home from hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Searl visited friends in Ponoka, Calgary and Rimby recently. Sorry to hear Ella is not her usual healthy self — get well soon.

Mrs. Ragna Arntzen is in General Hospital.

Senior dancers of the Midnight Sun entertained Nov. 6th at the West Haven Nursing Home.

SUNRAY LODGE NEWS —
Thanks to all who donated baking and time for our sale.

At the meeting of Nov. 13th these new members were initiated: Paul and Sydney Anderson, Maureen Bishop and Jerry Harvey. The meeting went on to bowl at the Uptown Lanes with 20 active bowlers. After all the exercise a hearty lunch was supplied by Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Boe and Mrs. Clark.

A Christmas party will be held Dec. 7th.

Congratulations to Lionel and Verna Larson on the arrival of their chosen son, Bradley Kim. A brother for Valerie, Kirk and Melody. Verna is the secretary and photographer for the Scandinavian News.

Gary Johnson is now with Waterloo Motors, Sales Department on Jasper and 107 St. Gary is the son of Clifford and Edith Johnson and was a former president of Sunray Junior Lodge.

Your correspondent for this month has been Betty Haugen. Thanks folks for your help.

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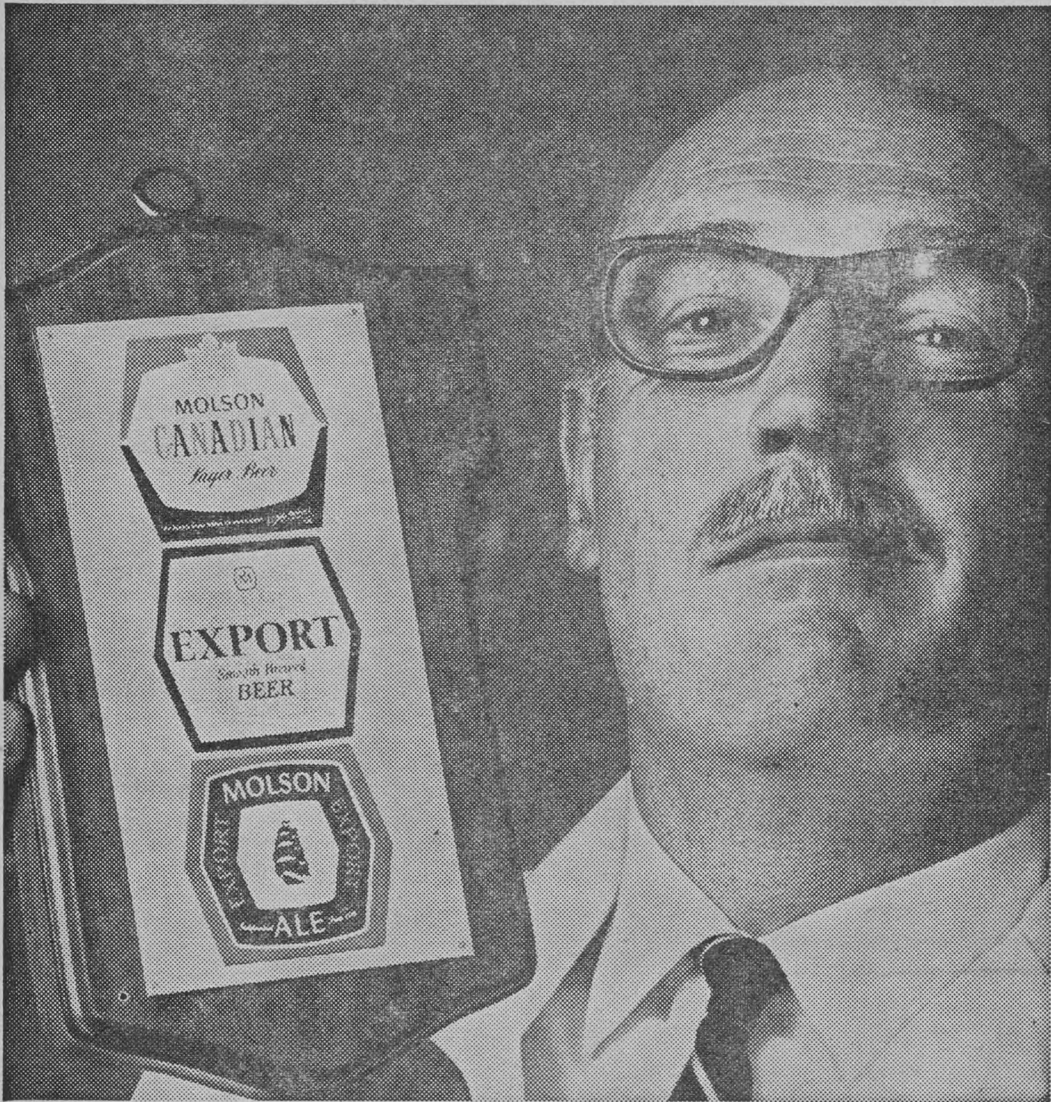
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BUFORD NEWS

There was a small turnout of members at our October meeting due to the farmer members who were trying to get some harvesting completed. As a result the Pancake supper was postponed to the November meeting. We had a fair turnout at our Bingo held at Willow Creek on November the 12th. Here is a list of the winners and you will notice that the Pearsons had a winning streak that night. Charlie Erickson and Minnie Garbe tied for the first game and split the proceeds; Lloyd Pearson (2 games); Keith Eklund; Alvin Stepanko (2 games); Ray Pearson (2 games); Ronald Johnson; Mary Lunde; Anne Shymansky (2 games); Avis Pearson won 3 games and tied in a fourth game with Edna Pederson and they split the proceeds; Phyllis Karabonik; Wanda Markstedt & Emil Kvamberg tied for a game and split the proceeds; Bob Pearson. The last jackpot game, a full house, went to Clare Evanson. Thanks to all who turned out for this Bingo.

The Lodge members are busy selling tickets on the Vasa Lodge 1968 Grey Cup Pool.

Congratulations to Glen Pearson and his partner Darlene Moberg who took first prize (as robots) with their costumes at the Hallowe'en masquerade dance held in the hall two miles west of Calmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvamberg are receiving congratulations on the arrival of their chosen grandson. The proud parents are Verna and Lionel Larson of Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Pearson and their son Glen attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moberg on November 2nd. Glen was the best man.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to Emil Kvamberg who celebrated his 77th birthday on November 23rd. A family get-together was held to mark the special occasion.

Minnie Garbe of Edmonton spent the long week-end of Nov. 11th at the homes of her sisters, Annie Evanson, Edna Pederson and Lillian Kromm.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. Leroy Pederson and Patricia Latch who were married in the Norwood United Church, Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. A wedding dance followed in the Youth Section of the Sportex Building. Leroy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pederson of Calmar and his bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latch of Edmonton. After a honeymoon to California the happy couple will make their home in Edmonton. A stag and Bridal shower for the couple were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pederson of Leduc two weeks before the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bergstrom had a nice visit with friends in Swan River, Manitoba. They report the crops were good but the farmers there too were experiencing great difficulty in getting them harvested because of the adverse weather conditions.

Gerda and Frank Erickson accompanied Glenys and Eugene Wronko to Warner, Alberta to spend the Armistice week-end with their son Ronald and his family.

Mary and Fjallar Johnson had an enjoyable two week's vacation. They flew to the coast where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rippen at Cloverdale and at Victoria were guests of Mrs. Olive Sims and her daughter the Jim Storey family.

Tony and Pat Lefsrud spent a few days at Kalispell, Montana where they visited some of Tony's relatives.

One Sunday Doris and George Modin had guests from Edberg, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lundstrom.

Elsie and Raymond Erickson and Lillian and Stanley Zarowney were happy to have Elsie's and Lillian's brother, Walter Sund of Vancouver and their uncle, Ingvar Johnson of Seattle, Washington spend a month with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Erickson of Madden, Alberta called on Lloyd and Angela Pearson one afternoon.

A farewell party was held in the Thorsby Community Centre one evening for Nick and Gladys Kuzyk who are leaving Thorsby for Fairview. Nick was manager of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool Cheese factory in Thorsby. At Fairview Nick will be the inspector of dairies and dairy farms in the Fairview country. Congratulations are extended to Nick on his promotion and we wish him and his family well in their new home and surroundings.

We are glad to see that Jurdis Nacuk who is receiving therapy treatments on her hip at the Glenrose Hospital is able to spend her week-ends at home. We all hope you will be home for good, pretty soon, Jurdis.

On Nov. 3rd a special occasion was celebrated. Scandia member Earl Erickson's dad, Mr. John Erickson of Leduc celebrated his 82nd birthday at his summer cottage at Pigeon Lake. Several of our Lodge members along with his family relatives and friends were present. It started off with a bounteous pot luck dinner. Later on, Happy Birthday was sung for Mr. Erickson as he blew out all his candles (so he should get the wish he made) after which he opened the gifts and read the birthday cards he received from those present.

The Clare Evansons and Frank Ericksons spent a Sunday at Ponoka where they visited Irene and Charlie Cameron.

Barbara Pearson is now working full time at the Bank of Montreal in Thorsby.

Congratulations to Marshia and Myron Mishio on the arrival of a daughter in October. Proud grandparents are Jurdis and Harry Nacuk.

Floyd and Peggy Modin, Hilda Modin, Albin and Wanda Markstedt enjoyed Scandia Lodge's Annual Swedish Smorgasbord which this year was held on Saturday, October 26 at the Masonic Temple in Edmonton.

The Bobby Pearsons are enjoying antelope steaks as a result of the good luck Bob and his friends, Bruce Hale and De Laurice Smith had when they went hunting on the Lost River Ranch near Manyberries.

GOD JUL

Advent and Christmas At Augustana Lutheran Church

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The seasons of Advent and Christmas are times of special events at Augustana Lutheran this year. Sunday, December 1st, marks the beginning of Advent and a new church year. The fine Advent stand with its wreath, made several years ago by Jon Ogren, will decorate the front of the church and signals the passing of each of the Advent Sundays with an additional candle being lit.

Noon Advent service will be held for downtown workers on Wednesdays - December 4, 11, and 18. Women of the church will serve a light lunch of soup and sandwiches following the services which begin at 12:05 P.M. Pastor Leon Linguist has chosen the theme "Behold Your King" for the Advent sermons.

The week of December 8 will be a special one in a number of ways. On Tuesday (10), the Golden Agers are beginning a service project of sewing quilts, rugs, and garments for the needy people of the world. They plan to do it on a monthly basis. Thursday, December 12, at 1:00 P.M. is the date of the senior citizens annual potluck Christmas dinner. The Honorable Grant McEwan will be the guest speaker this year. The Christmas dinner is always a festive day for all.

One very special Sunday of Advent worship will be December 15th.

The Concordia Lutheran College Choir from Edmonton has been asked to assist with anthems at the 11:00 A.M. morning service and to sing a brief concert in the afternoon. This will also be the day when new members are received into the congregation.

Christmas worship will feature the traditional early morning service on Christmas Day at 7:00 A.M. O. S. Franzen, the Swedish Vice-Consul, will read the lesson in Swedish. Some of the old favorite Swedish Christmas hymns will be sung. Plans are to organize a Swedish choir and to have coffee hour following the service. The liturgy and sermon will be in English.

A service of Christmas Worship will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Day. At 12 noon a service will be held for the Finnish speaking people.

One final effort of the season will be in the form of Christmas Youth Retreat at the Western Canada Synod's Mulhurst Lutheran Church Camp. The new lodge and kitchen will house the youths as they meet December 27th to December 30th, considering the theme "Psychological, Sociological, and Theological Contact". The cost is \$7.00, and young people of high school age are welcome. Young people from many parts of Alberta will be in attendance.

Yule Traditions

Skiing down a mountain, strewing hay on the floor, knocking on neighbors' doors in a symbolic pilgrimage - these are some of the ways Christmas is celebrated in other parts of the world.

In token of Christ's birth in a floor and Lithuanians have straw under the tablecloth at their festive manger, Poles spread hay on the Christmas Eve meal. The colorful Mexican posada or pilgrimage dramatizes the search which led Mary and Joseph to the stable. For each of the nine nights before Christmas, a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph goes from house to house. Only at the last house are they - and the parade of neighbors which is now following them - invited in for supper.

An even more novel procession may be seen in the mountains of Austria. Wood carvers in the little town of Oberammergau meet on Christmas Eve and ski down the mountain slopes with flaming torches in their hands, singing as they go!

SEASONAL RITUAL

Just about every country which celebrates Christmas has its unique bit of seasonal folklore or ritual. In Sweden, it's the feast of St. Lucia on Dec. 13, ushering in the Christmas season. Each community chooses a lovely Lucia Queen to represent the young girl martyred for her religion centuries before in ancient Rome. In families with daughters, the prettiest plays the role of Lucia. Her "privilege": to wait on everyone else for the day. But even the standard holiday

features - Christmas dinner, presents and Yuletide decorations - have picturesque local variations. Not only does Santa have numerous aliases (he's Julenissen in Denmark, Pere Noel in France, the Abbot of Unreason in Scotland), but in Italy he is a she. Italian children place their trust in Befana, an old woman on a broomstick who brings gifts to good children and ashes to bad ones. (In older versions of the legend, she ate the juvenile delinquents).

PERE NOEL

The French exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the impatient young fry are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve. While waiting for Befana to come across on Jan. 6, Italian children and their elders draw small gifts on Christmas Eve from a jar called "the urn of fate." And leave it to the systematic British to establish Dec. 26 as Boxing Day. When servants and tradespeople are remembered with gifts of money.

The date of the big Christmas dinner also varies around the world; many countries have it on Christmas Eve, before or after midnight services. Our traditional Christmas turkey does not appear on many menus. The French reveillon, a feast which occurs after midnight mass, is apt to feature oysters and sausages; in the French province of Brittany, buckwheat cakes with sour cream are served.

The Norwegian Christmas dinner features a fish called lutefisk. At a Polish Christmas Eve dinner, the number of courses is fixed at seven, nine or 11; a Lithuanian Christmas feast must include 12 courses, one for each of the 12 disciples.

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Finns Get Auto Factory

Many Finns considered it a very good — or very bad — joke when plans were first announced three or four years ago to start a car factory in Finland. This summer the laughs were over, and the factory was a fact. But the cars that will roll from the assembly line, eventually at a rate of 15,000 a year, will be only one-third Finnish. The other two thirds will be Swedish, and they will be Saabs.

After two years of negotiations Presidents Curt Mileikowsky and Olavi Mattila announced for Sweden's Saab and Finland's state-run Valmet Oy, respectively, an agreement to set up a joint company, financed and owned 50-50, to begin turning out cars about one year from now. Left at the wayside were some others who had been in the picture: Britain's BMC, France's Renault and Sweden's other major automobile maker, Volvo. Not all of them had been equally keen on the project, though. With its Swedish plants swinging at an annual 175,000-car production, Volvo had seemed less enthusiastic about a Finnish venture than Saab, which is in a period of fast expansion.

The laughs once provoked by the Finnish car plant project stemmed mostly from the fact that some people considering the plan originally had a 100% Finnish car in mind. The idea that Finland would stand a chance on the international car market was deemed ridiculous, though some Finns had brief dreams of a cheap, Finnish "people's car". The idea had sprung from a pretty desperate lack of foreign currency to pay for car imports, plus an urgent need to found new industry to give work to a growing number of jobless. There had been a traditional inclination in some quarters to want a purely Finnish enterprise, with no outside influence (by that Finns often mean Sweden's strong industry). But in recent years such attitudes had mellowed, and with currency becoming even scarcer and unemployment worse, the Swedes were accepted as partners in the plan.

In the projected \$25-million plant, Finnish workers will not just assemble the Swedish cars, but also produce a good deal of the components — about one third. Valmet is one of Finland's largest industrial concerns, with 9,000 employees making paper machines, railway gear, fork-lift, trucks, tractors, diesel engines, weapons and ships. Plans are to market the cars under the Saab name, but Saab spokesmen indicated that on export markets the most will be made of "Finnish Quality". Says Bengt Akerlund, Manager of Saab's Swedish automobile plants: "Our impression is that Finland has a great reputation, not least in the U.S."

Anyway, the Finns will not find themselves swamped with Finnish-Swedish cars all of a sudden. As a matter of fact, Saab in Sweden will be the chief customer of the Finnish plant, buying for world export as many as half the 15,000 cars that will be the initial annual production. Yet, the Saabs (three models: the new 99 and the old faithfuls, the 95 and 96) will be of prime usefulness: the Finnish government reckons that reduced car imports will save the country over \$50 million in foreign currency over five years. Even more important, the plant will employ 700 people initially, and another 2,000 Finns are expected to find work with subcontractors. Counting sales and servicing people, the total benefit should be 3,000 new jobs, for a start.



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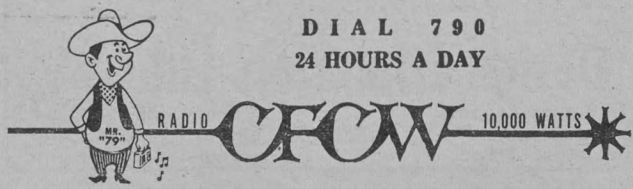
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